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FBI agents arrest Peter Pocklington

FRAUD CASE Former Edmonton Oilers owner Peter Pocklington was arrested by FBI agents in his California home yesterday morning after he allegedly concealed assets when he filed for bankruptcy court.



Peter Pocklington

The office of the United States Attorney alleges that Pocklington said in his bankruptcy petition that his assets totalled around \$2,900, including \$300 worth of clothing.

Pocklington, 67, filed for personal bankruptcy in August 2008 for debts worth roughly \$19.6 million US.

In a news release, the office says the petition raised "suspicions" that Pocklington was not disclosing all of his assets.

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Police and paramedics gather outside Albertville-Realschule in Winnenden, Germany, where a shooting incident took place yesterday. A gunman killed nine students and three teachers at the school as well as one person at a nearby clinic. In a shoot-out with police, two additional passers-by were killed, bringing the total death toll to 16 including the gunman, a police spokesperson said.

Terror in Germany

Country mourning after teen kills 15 in shooting spree

A 17-year-old in black combat gear killed 15 people in southwest Germany yesterday in a shooting spree that started at his former school.

The gunman, identified by police as Tim Kretschmer, entered the school in the town of Winnenden at about 9:30 a.m. and began firing with a 9-mm Beretta pistol at students in a classroom.

He killed nine students, including eight teenage girls, and three women

teachers, as well as one person in front of a clinic opposite the school, before fleeing with a hostage in a car hijacked at a local supermarket.

Police said most of the victims at the Albertville-Realschule had been shot in the head and a further seven pupils, all female, were injured.

The gunman died hours later in a shoot-out in

Wendlingen, some 30 kilometres from the school, after killing two men in a car dealership.

Those killings brought the death toll to 16, including the gunman, who police believe shot himself.

"There are no indications at the moment of any warning or suggestion that the attack could have been foreseen," Heribert Rech, interior

minister of the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg said.

Chancellor Angela Merkel called it a day of mourning for all of Germany. "It is unimaginable that in just seconds, pupils and teachers were killed—it is an appalling crime," she told reporters in Berlin.

Police said the gunman apparently used a gun registered to his father, who belongs to a shooting club and had a collection of 15 guns at home.

REUTERS

Suncor faces charges for illegal waste dumping

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ENVIRONMENT Oilsands powerhouse Suncor and two of its contractors have been charged under Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act with 90 counts of dumping poorly treated sewage water into the Athabasca River.

The companies, which were all charged back in February 2008, are also accused of providing misleading and false information to the province for two years at Suncor's work camp north of Fort McMurray.

"This is serious, we are prosecuting at the moment, this is before the courts," said Premier Ed Stelmach in the legislature yesterday.

"We are monitoring it and this shows the system is working."

The government accuses Suncor and its contractors, Compass Group of Canada and R&D McCabe Ltd., of "knowingly (providing) misleading or false information" sometime between August 2005 and January 2007 regarding disposal of waste.

"These charges once again show that the government's system of letting industry report and police itself is incredibly flawed," said Mike Hudema, a Greenpeace spokesperson.

Suncor is expected to appear in a Fort McMurray provincial courtroom April 2 on the charges and the province says the maximum penalty for the charges is a \$1 million fine.

Riding the Recession

Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

Food

- We serve up some local meals for a steal, pg 13
- Comment and Views
- Georgie Binks tackles love in a recession, pg 8

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- Some film suggestions to take your mind off financial problems.



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Provincial cabinets to hold powwow

The first ever trilateral cabinet meeting in Canadian history will be held between British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta officials tomorrow. Topics of discussion will be jobs, the economy, innovation, trade and gang violence. **METRO EDMONTON**

Local



No more adult content for kids?

New legislation could mean no more sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll for Alberta youths. The Film and Video Classification Act aims to ban anyone under 14 years old from seeing adult-rated films even if they're accompanied by a parent. Violators of the act could be fined up to \$10,000 or face a prison term of up to two years. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Threads to the past

MARISSA MIDDLETON
for Metro Edmonton

A student at the University of Alberta took a step back in time to work as a seamstress in the 18th century.

Carolyn Dowdell, a master's student in the Department of Human Ecology, has spent roughly 1,000 hours and used up to 100,000 hand stitches reproducing six 18th-century ensembles for a project.

The ensembles, which are on display at the Human Ecology Building, include a riding habit, stays, a quilted petticoat and a mantua.

Dowdell said the project was a long time coming as her interest in sewing began when she was 18 after asking her mother to teach her how on an old Singer machine.

"I don't really know where it came from," said Dowdell. "In junior high when I had to do it in home



Carolyn Dowdell, a master's student at the University of Alberta's Department of Human Ecology, stitches a dress she has spent 1,000 hours on to reproduce an 18th-century gown.

economics, I hated it."

While working on the pieces, Dowdell recreated some of the conditions that early seamstresses would have faced.

She wore a plain work dress complete with corset, worked by sun and candle

light, didn't bathe and sat for hours in a hard wooden chair.

"There are certain elements that I can recreate to gain some insight into life back then and what it was like to live and work as one of these people."

The exhibition will be on public display until April 26 in the Human Ecology building.

Following the showing, the ensembles will be donated to the university for its history of dress collection.

Mom holds hope for son

MISSING Surrounded by family and friends, Melanie Alix lit a candle last night for her son Dylan, who disappeared exactly five months ago.

"Doing these vigils gives me more hope," she said from her home in Moose Jaw, Sask.

On the 11th day of each month, supporters of Dylan Koshman's family fill their home, praying for answers. On April 11, hundreds will gather in the ele-

mentary school he attended as a child, to mark the six-month anniversary of his disappearance and 22nd birthday.

Koshman stormed off after an argument with cousins in the early, pitch-black hours of Oct. 11. He vanished without a trace.

Alix said she's received calls from psychics, who claim the truth will be revealed when the snow thaws. **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**

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News in brief

CITY After spending two hours debating the idea to sell the naming rights of four multi-rec centres, city council decided to send the issue back to a committee yesterday morning. "The implications of this are far greater," said Coun. Linda Sloan during the meeting. "There needs to be more time for consideration." Administration has asked council to sell naming rights to city-owned multi-recreational centres to "generate new and additional revenues." **METRO EDMONTON**

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Two 15-year-old boys have been charged with shoplifting, brandishing a dangerous weapon and smashing a glass door at a downtown mall. A group of teens were asked to leave Kingsway Garden Mall. They left, but returned and circled two security guards. One was brandishing a large screwdriver. **METRO EDMONTON**

City gets dubious nomination

WASTE Edmonton was nominated yesterday for an award in what the Canadian Taxpayers Federation calls the “art” of government waste.

The Teddies are given out each year at the federal, provincial and municipal level, and Edmonton has been recognized for "Calculator 2: Judgment Day," which resulted in a \$40,000 bill to build a carbon footprint calculator.

It would have been a good idea, CTF officials said, if more than two dozen such calculators didn't already exist online.

METRO EDMONTON

Students give input

Minister talks education with Grade 6 kids

MARISSA MIDDLETON
for Metro Edmonton

Grade 6 students at Grandin Elementary School got the opportunity to tell the minister of education what they want to change in their school yesterday.

The students presented their dreams, hopes and aspirations to David Hancock as part of a series of conversations called Inspiring Education.

The community conversations focus around the future of education in Alberta and will occur in eight dif-

“The education of our youth will mould our future communities and economics.”

Jeff Johnson, MLA

ferent locations around the province.

"It's not about the issues of today, it's not about the things that get in our way today, it's about what kind of an education do we need to have so that are students can be ready for tomorrow," Hancock said.

The conversations aim to reach out to all Albertans in a new way and provoke discussion about what education means and the value it

holds in society. Inspiring Education also aims to promote opportunities for students to stay, live and work in the province.

"The education of our youth will mould our future communities and economics and that has significant implications for everyone in Alberta," said Jeff Johnson, MLA for Athabasca-Redwater and co-chair of the Inspiring Education steering committee.



Alberta Education Minister Dave Hancock listens to presentations on what schools might look like in 20 years from Grade 6 students at Grandin Elementary School yesterday.

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Roll-up-the-rim prizes distributed unevenly

Canada

Man survives Niagara fall

An American man survived a fall over Niagara's Horseshoe Falls and became just the second person to live through an unaided and intentional plunge over the massive cataract, Canadian police said yesterday.

Around mid-afternoon, police said they received a call from a tourist who saw a man climb over a retaining wall and jump into the Niagara River before being swept over the roaring 51-metre waterfall.

"All indications at this point in the investigation

Daring rescue

• A helicopter was used to create a current that took him to near the shore. Rescue workers in a boat then plucked him from the water.

• Niagara Parks Police said the man had severe hypothermia, a large wound to his head and the force of the water ripped off his clothes. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

lead us to believe that he did so on of his own accord and it was of that nature," said a spokesperson for the Niagara Parks Police.

The man was being treated in a Niagara Falls, Ont., hospital and police said an investigation was under

way.

The Horseshoe Falls, one of the world's most popular tourist attractions, sends about 675,000 gallons of water over its edge per second. It is one of two massive waterfalls, along with the American Falls, that span

the the U.S.-Canada border.

Decades ago, daredevils would tempt fate and go over the Horseshoe Falls in barrels or other protective devices — often without much luck. That is now an illegal stunt that can result in a fine or jail time.

In 2003, another U.S. tourist survived an unaided plunge over the Horseshoe Falls in an attempt at suicide.

A young boy also survived a fall over the cataract in 1960 after the boat he was in capsized. **REUTERS**

Billionaires not immune to economy

ECONOMY Amid a global recession, the world's billionaires have been shorn of shockingly huge chunks of their net worth, while others are no longer billionaires at all. And the few Canadians among them have not been spared.

According to Forbes magazine, which unveiled its annual compilation of billionaires last night, 355 of the world's ultra-rich dropped off the rarefied list, including four from Canada and media mogul Ted Rogers, who died last year.

It's the first time since 2003 that the number of billionaires shrank.

There are 793 billionaires in the world, compared with 1,125 last year. In Canada, where there were 25 in 2008, just 20 remain, and they lost a collective \$29.4 billion.

Topping Canada's list this year was the Thomson family, involved in media ventures and information distribution company Thomson Reuters, with a net worth of \$13 billion, significantly down from last years estimate of \$18.9 billion.

Next is Galen Weston of

Stock collapse

• The list of billionaires shrunk because most, like Jean Coutu who fell off the list, have their wealth tied up in the plummeting stock markets.

food giants George Weston Ltd. and Loblaw Co. Ltd., with a net worth of \$5 billion. That's down from last year's total of \$7 billion. The Irving family of Saint John, N.B., owners of oil, forestry and newspaper companies, came in third at \$3.9 billion, down from \$6.7 billion.

Montreal's Paul Desmarais, head of Power Corp., and Guy Laliberté, founder and owner of the famous Cirque du Soleil, rounded out the top five.

Laliberté was one of just 44 in the world whose net worth increased in the last year.

The richest man in the world was Microsoft founder Bill Gates, who last year was No. 2 behind investor Warren Buffet. Even though Gates lost \$18 billion over the past year, he is still worth \$40 billion.

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JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada



Wealthy Canadians Guy Laliberté, from top, Galen Weston, Jean Coutu and Paul Desmarais.

Vancouver to close streets in more than 650 city blocks

OLYMPICS People should walk, bike and use public transit during the 2010 Games, Olympic organizers said yesterday as they unveiled their plan to reduce the number of vehicles on Vancouver streets by 30 to 40 per cent.

The transportation plan includes road closures, parking and turning restrictions, pedestrian malls and dedicated Olympic lanes that will affect a minimum of 650 city blocks and reduce road capacity in the downtown peninsula by 20 per cent.

Vancouver city manager Penny Ballem said transportation during the Games would not be business as usual, but rather, "business unusual."

Organizers have to shuffle more than 5,000 athletes and officials, 10,000 media, 55,000 workers and about 200,000 spectators between 65 venues.

"Athletes have come here to compete, not to commute," Ballem said.

"Athletes have come here to compete, not to commute."

Penny Ballem

News in brief

CUSTODY A Quebec woman has no legal right to the child she paid a surrogate to carry for her, a judge has ruled, leaving the child without a legal mother. After the child was born, the surrogate gave up her legal claim to the baby. The couple went to court to adopt the child, admitting that they had given the surrogate a payment for her service.

HEALTH If you've fallen asleep at your desk this week or felt like a bag of rocks getting out of bed in the morning, blame daylight saving time, Toronto sleep experts say. "We already live in a time famine era," says Dr. Harvey Moldofsky at the Centre for Sleep and Chronobiology. "Throw in that extra hour and you're just tipping the balance."

OTTAWA Atheist ads will be running on Ottawa buses. City council voted 13-7 yesterday to allow ads, which read: "There's probably no God, now stop worrying and enjoy your life," on OC Transpo buses. Humanist Association of Ottawa member Simon Parcher called the decision a great victory for those who care about free speech. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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2010 Games

Peking Man might be older, experts say

A new and more accurate dating method shows Peking Man may be 200,000 years older than what experts previously thought, researchers in China said. **REUTERS**

World

Questions remain

Authorities seek reason behind Alabama shooting

Authorities grappled yesterday for the reason a 27-year-old Alabama man shot dead 10 people, including his mother, before killing himself after a gunbattle with police and a car chase down a rural highway.

Michael McLendon, who lived with his mother, killed five of his victims in Tuesday's shooting spree at a mobile home in Samson, in southeastern Alabama, according to a local coroner and Wyn-

nton Melton, mayor of nearby Geneva.

The victims at the mobile home included the wife of a local deputy sheriff and her child. He also killed two people at a convenience store and a man in a pickup truck who died during a car chase as McLendon apparently fired at random, said Melton.

"We sent 11 bodies to Montgomery (the state capital)," said Robert Preachers, the coroner in

neighbouring Coffee County who said he knew most of the victims including the killer.

"He (McLendon) was a nice quiet kid, no trouble. He was always polite and nice," Preachers said.

Asked about a possible motive, he said: "He carried it with him to the grave."

Rural southeastern Alabama is a largely agricultural area with many low-income families.

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Sri Lanka Deadly attack



A boy, right, performs during the Muslim festival Mawlid, the birthday of Mohammed, the instant a bomb explodes in Akuressa, Sri Lanka, Tuesday. A suicide bomber killed 14 people and wounded 35. The Sri Lankan government suspects Tamil Tiger rebel forces of orchestrating the suicide attack.

News in brief

U.K. More than 1,000 serving police officers in Britain have criminal records, according to figures obtained under freedom of information laws.

WANTED Russia issued an international arrest warrant yesterday for a billionaire who fled Russia after being threatened with prosecution for kidnapping and blackmail.

PAKISTAN Authorities rounded up hundreds of activists yesterday, a day before a rally by lawyers and opposition parties that could destabilize the Pakistani government. **REUTERS**

Obama signs disputed U.S. funding legislation

POLITICS U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday signed a \$410-billion US bill to fund most government operations through Sept. 30, but warned the U.S. Congress must stop jamming spending bills with lawmakers' pet projects.

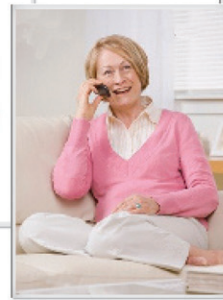
Obama outlined a plan that would enable lawmakers to continue to earmark spending with a "legitimate and worthy public purpose," but would

make the process more transparent and offer opportunities for public feedback before any approval.

Arizona Senator John McCain, a critic of pet spending projects known as earmarks, dismissed Obama's comments, calling them "his usual excellent rhetoric," but said the president's message was "virtually meaningless" and "toothless."

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There is a quaintness to the idea of settling down — getting married, breeding little humans and feeding them things you cooked with your own two hands — but at present, it strikes fear into the core of my being, like a death grip of domesticity threatening the sanctity of all things exciting.

Perhaps it is the unspoken agreement to take on a life more muted, or the commitment to one person when emotions have proven

themselves fleeting and relationships can go sideways by sundown. Perhaps it's the utter selflessness required to be a good wife and mother, or the terror of moulding another human being from infancy through adolescence, hoping the final product isn't some warped creation I'd rather not put my name to.

Maybe it's the sheer horror of putting one's heart on the line only to have it be smashed to smithereens, fragments of a broken relationship soaking lifelessly in a thick pool of desolation and ruin. The important thing is,

I'm not being dramatic about it.

According to a recent article by Matthew Fitzgerald — an askmen.com relationship

columnist and author of the completely unbiased and sophisticatedly titled Sex-Ployation: How Women Use Their Bodies and Extort Money from Men — men fear commitment for reasons such as: "We've been burned before," "no more freedom" and "the emotional baggage."

(There were probably more, but the tedium of it all lulled me into a deep and immediate slumber.)

The most glaring oversight in Fitzgerald's list is it's entirely applicable to both sexes, but while commitment-phobes with the XY chromosomes can typically live pretty well during a stretch of extended bachelor-dom, their female counterparts are often pre-

sented with a secondary set of worries.

These include a smaller window of fertility for those who want children and everything from the social stigma of being a single, middle-age woman to some very tangible disparities that affect quality of life. (Women in Canada, for example, earn just 70 per cent of what men do and can struggle financially remaining unhitched.)

So while there's no shortage of women who "look at marriage through Cinderella eyes," as Fitzgerald so astutely states, it should also be noted there is no shortage of those who view it with a pronounced stink-eye.

In a chilly world frosted with uncertainty, men aren't the only ones with cold feet.

Andrea Woo is a Vancouver-based news and entertainment reporter. She won this column in a carnival dart game.

Views

You can't budget love, bad economy or not

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Imagine this — a van idles nearby Toronto's boardwalk. Inside, a tiny lantern glows with candlelight, a homemade CD of romantic tunes fills the air as two people slurp takeout ravioli and gaze lovingly at each other. After dinner, they stroll the frozen beach dipping their boots into the lake. The rest of the world is dressed up in its loveliest finery eating fancy food, but the financially challenged are enjoying the inexpensive, but romantic "car party."

Should romance suffer just because your wallet is light? In fact, couples may find things a lot more romantic if they have to start

"Couples may find things a lot more romantic if they have to start creating their own romance."

creating their own romance. After all, big spending doesn't equal great love. In fact, when money starts to disappear, the inventive spirit kicks in. Romantic picnics in front of the fireplace, walks in the moonlight, breakfast in bed, all beat food with weird names served by out-of-work actors every time.

With that in mind, you'd hope the princesses of romance, this year's prospective brides, would be crocheting romantic table centrepieces and engraving their own invitations to save some money. Surprisingly, in a Wedding Bells magazine survey released earlier this month, 62 per cent of brides refused to compromise on reception catering, while 46 per cent weren't budging on the dress or the honeymoon.

Those ladies are also heading into talks with the government about the auto industry's future later this month. My parents had a tiny wedding, no engagement ring, bed-and-breakfast honeymoon and will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

Money won't buy romance and if you've ever been through a divorce, you'll know arguing over it can sure kill memories of it fast. Hoping it might find you some new romance? Well, good luck. Naïve visitors to Internet dating sites in their earliest incarnation quickly learned big dinner/rosettes dates were a dud, after a series of one-night dinner stands. Potential suitors soon switched to coffee dates.

It's more likely you'll have romance with your garage mechanic during that next oil change. For free, why not create your own romantic moments with the garage mechanic? Replace that expensive dinner date out with your childhood fave "Birthday Party casserole" served on a tray attached to Scruffy? Instead of expensive concerts, borrow your kid's Guitar Hero for romantic music. Pull out your high school poetry. Gaze at the stars.

OK, I'm out. Now that I think of it, I hope this recession ends fast. A girl can only create so much homemade romance.

Riding the Recession

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Letters

Objection to Li ruling

The family of a man who was beheaded on a Greyhound bus says his killer is "getting away with murder." I totally agree.

Vince Li committed the act, but the court ruled Li did not appreciate the act he committed was morally wrong.

Do we as a Canadian society care about what this monster appreciates?

Let us as a society care for the brokenhearted family and for safe public spaces.

SUSANNE TREICHEL, MISSISSAUGA

Adopt from animal shelters, not puppy breeders

Re: Beware bad breeders (March 6-8).

While I sympathize with Michelle Dean's puppy tribulations, and strongly admire her for staying the course, people looking for a companion animal might do well to check their local animal shelter.

Rather than patronizing a pet store or breeder, adopting

one of these shelter animals can literally save that animal's life.

Shelters usually even have a selection of purebreds, if that's what you're looking for.

MICHAEL HAYWARD, TORONTO

Canadians are peacekeepers

Re: Canada to acquire attack drones: General (March 5).

The federal government has plans for a \$500-million defence program to purchase the next generation of armed unmanned aircraft.

These would be similar to the U.S. Predator, pilotless planes that killed innocents as well as insurgents in Pakistan, through Hellfire missile strikes.

For decades, Canada was the world's number one provider of peacekeeping soldiers to the United Nations. But today, Canada's contribution is fewer than 100 soldiers.

What role do we want our military to play in the world? Is spending half a billion dollars on "killer drones" the best use of taxpayers' money? For those proud of Canada's peacekeeping tradition, the answer is a resounding no.

LARRY KAZDAN, VANCOUVER

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Apple rolls out smaller, talking iPod Shuffle
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Business

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Trouble ahead: IMF

Canada's economy may get worse, fund warns

Canada's economic output "is likely to contract significantly in the near term" before recovering as government stimulus starts to gain traction, the International Monetary Fund warned yesterday.

Canada is "better placed than many countries to weather the global financial turbulence," the IMF said, citing the country's low debt-to-GDP ratio, stable banking system and the fiscal stimulus in the federal budget.

But the IMF also warned "downside risks predominate, including negative spillovers if the global environment worsens more than expected."

The IMF's most recent projection sees the Canadian economy shrinking by 1.2 per cent this year, before rebounding by 1.6 per

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International Monetary Fund

cent in 2010.

Also yesterday, a briefing note from the office of the parliamentary budget watchdog, Kevin Page, warned the economy is weaker than suggested by inflation-adjusted GDP, which measures the total value of goods and services produced in the country and is often used to gauge Canada's fortunes.

Last week, Statistics

Canada reported Canada's real GDP contracted at an annualized rate of 3.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2008, compared with the previous quarter. On that basis, Canada fared better than many other industrialized countries.

But Page's report said a better indicator of Canada's economic fortunes is real gross domestic income, or GDI, which captures the purchasing power of income that is created in Canada and accounts for changes in prices of exports relative to imports.

Canada's real GDI fell by an annualized rate of 15.3 per cent in the fourth quarter from the previous three months, far steeper than the 1.5 per cent drop reported in the U.S., the report said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

France **Tire sites hit hard**



Employees at the Continental tire factory in Clairoux gather in the courtyard yesterday after announcements that the company will cut nearly 2,000 jobs and close production at two high-cost European tire manufacturing sites amid a severe crisis in the auto industry.

GM workers vote in favour of concessions

AUTOS General Motors workers in Canada have overwhelmingly accepted concessions that will freeze their wages and increase the costs of benefits until 2012.

Eighty-seven per cent of production and skilled workers at GM's Ontario operations in Oshawa, St. Catharines, Woodstock and Windsor voted yesterday and Tuesday in favour of extensive concessions to their existing contracts that will reduce labour costs for the automaker.

GM needs savings in labour costs as part of a restructuring plan so it can qualify for more than \$6 billion in government loans. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

In brief

AVIATION Bombardier Inc. signed a deal yesterday to sell 30 of its new CSeries aircraft to Deutsche Lufthansa AG for about \$1.53 billion US.

HOUSING The price of new homes in Canada dropped by 0.6 per cent in January from December, Statistics Canada said yesterday.

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Canada eliminated in U-20 soccer

Canada was eliminated from the 2009 CONCACAF Men's Under-20 Championship after a 2-1 loss to Costa Rica last night. With the loss it's the first time in five tries the U-20 squad will not qualify for their World Cup. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports



Vonn tops again

American Lindsey Vonn captured the women's World Cup overall skiing title for the second straight year by winning the last downhill event of the season yesterday at the World Cup finals in Sweden. The top Canadian in the race was Kelly VanderBeek of Kitchener, Ont., who finished ninth.

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Pick your poison with Dallas

First, the good news: Even after a crucial loss to Montreal Tuesday, the Oilers were tied for the final post-season berth in the Western Conference.

Now the bad news: the team that's one measly point behind them in the standings is the same team that's arguably become Edmonton's biggest rival (outside of Calgary, of course) in recent years.

I'm talking about the Dallas Stars, a franchise the Oilers have faced in

six of their last seven playoff appearances — and a franchise Edmonton was defeated by five of those six series.

The links between the Stars and Oilers don't end with their frequent post-season meetings.

Both operate in a city built on petroleum products and the sweat of the locals; both teams are owned by self-made multimillionaires; and both have two of the longer-tenured coaches in the league.

And although Edmonton and Dallas finished their head-to-head season series (with both teams

finishing 2-2-0) in mid-February, the Stars still could play a major role in deciding the Oilers' playoff fate.

The Hockey News

Adam Proteau

thehockeynews.com

Indeed, as the regular season winds down, eight of Dallas' remaining 15 games will take place against teams that

currently are within four points of the Oilers in the standings.

So what do you do — cheer for the Stars to beat up on the Minnesota Wild, Vancouver Canucks, L.A. Kings, St. Louis Blues and Anaheim Ducks, and perhaps create a scenario where Dallas nudges out Edmonton for the eighth seed?

Or would you prefer to instead watch the Stars fail miserably against all those teams, in the process allowing two or three of them to push the Oilers out of the post-season picture?

In any case, almost all potential scenarios for the Oilers are of the pick-your-poison variety.

And that will almost inevitably result in more vitriol added to the Dallas/Edmonton rivalry.

If that happens, the only way the rivalry gets any more heated will be if the Oilers acquire **Sean Avery** during the summer.

The Hockey News
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Brier Looking to stay unbeaten



Alberta skip Kevin Martin watches a rock come in during play against Northern Ontario yesterday. For a recap of last night's late draw, visit metronews.ca/sports.

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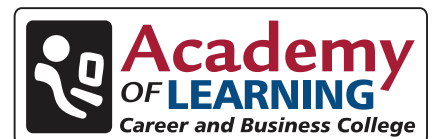
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Decor need not suffer with kids

HomeScape

Sylvia Putz

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When children arrive on the scene, does stylish

home decor have to die?

Some parents think so; they are resigned to concentrating only on making their homes child-friendly and delay their plans to spruce up their decor until the kids leave. Or they buy homely and inexpensive furniture so whatever damage the children inflict, they could not possibly make them uglier.

But why live like a savage for a decade or possibly longer? To be sure, your family home needs to be child-friendly, so children know they are treasured members of the household. But at the same time, your home is also for you. It should be both joyful in its role as the centre of a busy family life, but also capable of soothing those jangled adult nerves with beauty, grace and style.

The most visible killer of stylish home decor is too many toys. I know families with toys that number in the hundreds. Reflect on how many toys your children actually play with on a regular basis and downsize.

Keep in mind that the roster of toys will be ever-changing, as your child grows older, so keep the



Though it may be a trial, your decor can survive when you have children if you follow some rules.

collection trimmed down. Instead, consider setting up a toy exchange with neighbours and friends to keep the toy collection novel, rather than keeping a huge collection of toys, some of which the children will probably outgrow before

you can even read the assembly instructions.

When you've whittled the collection down to a manageable size, establish a place for the toys, such as a stylish chest or bureau. Some people take the approach of keeping toys in the playroom, or the child's bedroom. But toys creep, so I think a better approach might be to provide a neat container (perhaps a stylish ottoman) for a few toys in different rooms in the house.

And teach your children to put things away. Easier said than done, I know. But kindergarten classroom teachers do it, and so can you. Use labels with words or pictures so they will know precisely what should go where. And be prepared to enforce the rule.

For flooring or upholstery fabric, keep in mind the golden rule that dark colours and splotchy patterns hide dirt. Make your life easier by choosing these kinds of patterns or colours. And go for scatter rugs on hard flooring, because cleanups are easier and replacing rugs is much less expensive than replacing wall-to-wall carpeting.

Wherever children are, spills and stains will happen, so save yourself a lot of sponging and fretting and invest in washable slipcovers, especially for upholstered chairs in the dining room. Also have rules about where food can be eaten.

As for beautiful things such as art pieces, do not deny yourself. Just make sure your shelving is high enough to keep it away from little hands.

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There will be shrinkage

Cabbage loses a lot of water in cooking, so what seems like a large amount reduces down. To avoid the pungent odour often associated with cabbage, cook it uncovered in lots of water for a short period of time. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Food

“Choose a small to medium cabbage that is heavy for its size, firm and compact with unblemished leaves.”

BARB HOLLAND/FOR METRO CANADA

**Fresh**

A whole head of cabbage will keep for a week or longer stored unwashed in the refrigerator. Remove the outer leaves and rinse just before slicing.

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Liquid Assets**Peter Rockwell**

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Irish spirit

Since only one quarter of me can trace itself back to the Emerald Isle my Irish eyes usually just smile when a new U2 album gets released and on Saint Patrick's Day.

I can't imagine that any Irishman would disagree that his homeland's liquid lord is Guinness Stout: A tall, dark beauty that offers a flavour that's both dense and delicious.

More than two million pints will be poured in Canadian pubs next Tuesday — maybe more considering it's the ale's 250th anniversary.

At home you can still drink like you're in Dublin thanks to Guinness' innovative Pub Draught (\$11.25 - \$11.95). Each can in this 4-pack has a capsule inside filled with a blend of nitrogen and beer that gives the brew a thick, creamy head which pretty much equals the on-tap option.

If you're looking to celebrate with something a little bit stiffer try a glass of Jameson Irish Whiskey (\$29.95 - \$29.99): A smooth, triple-distilled grain spirit that's great on the rocks or mixed with ginger ale, cola or apple juice. Sláinte Mhaith.

Prices reflect the range across the country.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Cabbages: Head of the class

À la carte**Barb Holland**

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Economical and versatile, this humble winter storage vegetable stretches a long way. Whether green, red or savoy, this member of the Brassica family is related to kale, broccoli and cauliflower.

Green is the most common type of cabbage and popular for its crunchiness and mild flavour (except when overcooked). Red cabbage takes longer to mature than green cabbage, so they usually aren't quite as tender. The colour of red cabbage can run when cooked and take on a bluish tinge. To prevent this, cook with a bit of lemon juice or vinegar. The leaves of a Savoy cabbage are looser and



Green is the most common type of cabbage and popular for its crunchiness and mild flavour.

more crinkled than regular cabbage and have a more tender texture. The flavour is milder and sweeter.

Colcannon or Bubble and Squeak

In Ireland it is called colcannon; in Britain, bubble and squeak for the sound it makes as it cooks. Whatever the name, it was a

customary way to use up vegetables left over from Sunday dinner. Good with corned beef, ham or sausages, the amounts can vary to suit your leftovers or taste. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 2 to 3 cups (500 to 750

- ml) cooked green cabbage
- 2 to 3 cups (500 to 750 ml) mashed potatoes
- Salt and pepper

METHOD:

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onions and cook until softened, a few minutes. Add cabbage and toss with onions. Add potatoes, breaking up with wooden

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spoon to combine with cabbage and onions. Season to taste with salt and pepper and cook until heated through, 5 to 10 minutes.

Cabbage Tips:

- To slice cabbage, cut head into quarters, remove core and slice with a sharp chef's knife, a mandoline or food processor fitted with a slicing disc.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Canadian Living magazine is on sale now!

Canadian Living recipe of the month

Pasta with Green Beans, Potatoes and Pesto

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 oz (250 g) green beans, halved crosswise
- 10 oz (300 g) penne rigate pasta
- 10 oz (300 g) mini red-skinned potatoes, scrubbed and quartered
- Pesto:**
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) toasted pine nuts
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped

- 1 cup (250 ml) packed fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- Pinch pepper

METHOD:

In large pot of boiling salted water, cook green beans until tender-crisp, about 4 minutes. With slotted spoon, transfer to bowl. In same pot of boiling

water, cook pasta until al dente, about 10 minutes. Drain and return to pot, reserving 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the cooking liquid.

Meanwhile, in separate saucepan of boiling salted water, cover and cook potatoes until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain well.

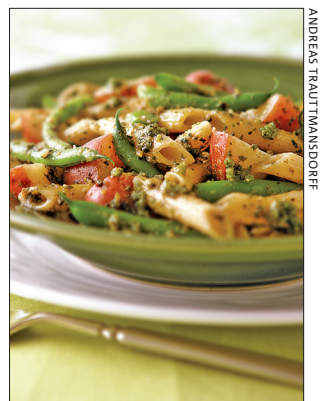
Pesto: Meanwhile, in food processor, pulse together pine nuts, Parmesan cheese and garlic until

smooth. Add basil, oil, salt and pepper; pulse until smooth. Add to pasta.

Add green beans, potatoes and reserved cooking liquid; stir to coat.

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For his Fall 2009/Winter 2010 Wunderkind collection, Wolfgang Joop drew inspiration from the abstract art movement and the photography of Gregor Torzs. It included dresses with graphic prints featuring red, green and blue squares. **KENYA HUNT/METRO WORLD NEWS**

Style

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Red is the new black

As the fall/winter 2009 Paris collections unfold, black continues its death grip on the runways, from the outrageous puffy black gowns at Junya Watanabe to the dark elegant suits at Lanvin and the black rocker dresses at Balmain. But there is a whisper of hope that red may be positioning itself for a comeback. Red, the symbolic colour of economic failure, is bleeding through the ubiquitous black. You have to look very closely, but it's there.

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The best of...

Paris Fashion Week was a burst of creativity. Here are some of the highlights

ALEXANDER MCQUEEN



Alexander McQueen

Never one to be hindered by everyday wardrobe needs, McQueen kicked up his flamboyant showmanship umpteen notches in a series of exaggerated looks that were equal parts vintage couture, drag ball and Japanese horror film. Creatively, the electrifying collection is arguably the high point of the week so far, with exquisitely constructed gowns in bold shapes and hues that rebel against the down economy.

—KENYA HUNT



Yves Saint Laurent

More than any collection I've seen this season, Stefano Pilati's cool, empowered and slightly unaffected fall collection seemed the most in tune with what women want to wear right now, while still pushing the moment forward. The collection was heavy on black leather — black belted jackets, stovepipe trousers, skirts, you name it. The monotone palette highlights each garment's anything but boring design details, which is what you want if you're going to go all black. He also seems to be contributing to the general shift away from the hyper-feminine.

—KENYA HUNT/METRO WORLD NEWS



Manish Arora

Glittery tiger heads appeared as three dimensional shoulder accents on the opening dress, while graphic print dresses featured flying dolphins. And that's barely scratching the surface. His colors — emerald green, violet, hot pink, yellow, brown and black — were equally as eye-popping. It was fantastical and fun.

—KENYA HUNT

Fashion with heart

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Nothing gets the heart pounding quite like a gorgeous woman in a stunning Karpluk red dress.



And next Tuesday (March 17), that's exactly what the Heart and Stroke Foundation is banking on with their second annual Heart Truth Fashion Show.

On day two of Toronto's LG Fashion Week, the catwalk will turn into a platform for raising awareness of heart disease and stroke in women.

Once again featured models for the Heart Truth will be Canadian celebs. This year's lineup includes Kreesha Turner, Sass Jordan and Olympic skater Elizabeth Manley, all of whom will be channeling their very best Jessica Rabbit as they flaunt a sexy red dress, the official symbol of the Heart Truth campaign.

Each dress will be one of 22 original creations by Canadian designers including Andy Thé-Anh, Joeffer Caoc and Pink Tartan.

Erin Karpluk, star of CBC's Being Erica, will be walking the runway for the first time. She said the campaign has already helped debunk some of her own misconceptions about heart disease.

"I learned that one in three women die of heart disease, which I was just floored by," Karpluk said. "JENNIFER YANG/FOR METRO CANADA

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Paris trends

Paris trends to watch out for:

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- Strong, bold shoulders
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—KENYA HUNT

Manish Arora

Glittery tiger heads appeared as three dimensional shoulder accents on the opening dress, while graphic print dresses featured flying dolphins. And that's barely scratching the surface. His colors — emerald green, violet, hot pink, yellow, brown and black — were equally as eye-popping. It was fantastical and fun.

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Black Star

She has already debuted her fashion line and now Avril Lavigne is set to launch her own fragrance, Black Star. The singer signed a deal with Procter and Gamble to produce a range of toiletries. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Idol makes radio-friendly return

Kelly Clarkson

Album: All I Ever Wanted
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ⓈⓈ

KELLY CLARKSON HAD the nerve on her 2007 album, My December, to buck the industry experts (read Clive Davis) by making a record dominated by her own darkly edged songs. Like a self-fulfilling prophecy, the album tanked. Well, Kelly learned her lesson and she's back with a team of A-list producers and writers (including Katy Perry and American Idol judge Kara Dioguardi) for her fourth album, All I Ever Wanted. Every song is radio-ready, a smash single waiting to happen. The opening track, My Life Would Suck Without You, is nothing but Since You've Been Gone with different lyrics. Kelly is defiant in I Do Not Hook Up, vulnerable on Cry, in control on Don't Let Me Stop You and angry on Whyya-wannabringmedown.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Chris Cornell

Album: Scream
Label: Universal
Rating: Ⓢ

CHRIS CORNELL HAS been making music for about two decades, but his new album, Scream, reaches a milestone that he's managed to avoid — he's finally created one of



All I Ever Wanted is the new album from Kelly Clarkson.

the worst albums of the year. Why in God's name would he team up with Nelly Furtado-producer Timbaland is anyone's guess. The result is a schizophrenic record of electro-beats, dance-club melodies, and the occasional rap — genres the former Soundgarden signer should stay far away from. If anything this is more of a Timbaland disc featuring Cornell than it is the other way around.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Julie Doiron

Album: I Can Wonder What you Did With Your Day
Label: Endearing Records/Fontana North
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

JULIE DOIRON RETURNS to her electric roots with ex-Eric's Trip band-mate Rick White handling bass and production duties while Fred Squire (Calm Down It's Monday) handles drums. Heavily distorted electric guitar and bass bring a sense of foreboding to Doiron's strangely upbeat lyrics and childlike melodies, especially on standout tracks like Spill Yer Lungs, Heavy Snow and Consolation Prize. Yet

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when left to herself like on opening track, The Life of Dreams, or the closer, Glad To Be Alive, Doiron's minimalism is simply silly. Minimalism shouldn't necessarily be equated with art. Sometimes it's just childlike.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

On the web

There's more online at metronews.ca/music:

- we review new music from Josh Reichmann Oracle Band, Razorlight & Hamsome Furs
- Links to this week's reviewed music
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Futurama: Bender's Big Score

You knew spam — that's junk e-mail, not canned meat — was evil, didn't you? In this first of four direct-to-video movies based on Matt Groening's ("The Simpsons") animated sci-fi sitcom, a race of aliens uses spam scams to take over Planet Express and turn Bender into a time-traveling thief. Fry, meanwhile, faces a rival for Leela's affections. Fans will be delighted with the abundant in-jokes — and the shout-out regarding the series' cancellation. 10:30 PM on TOON

Eleventh Hour

Where are Tim Gunn and Heidi Klum when you need them? Heck, Dr. Hood (Rufus Sewell) probably would settle for a little help from the Mode magazine peeps from "Ugly Betty" as he investigates a series of homicidal outbursts by people with no previous history of violence during Fashion Week in New York. Marley Shelton also stars in the new episode "Olfactus." Omar Benson Miller, Valerie Cruz and John Shea guest star. 11:01 PM on KREM

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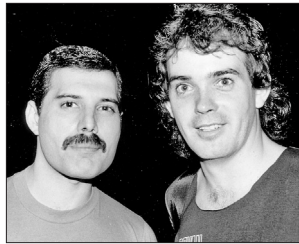
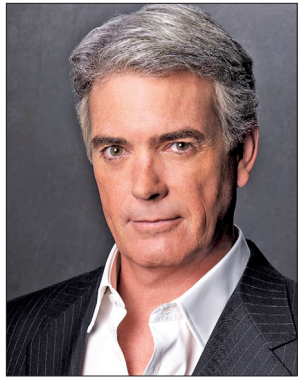
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Sorcery star

Ugly Betty alum Rebecca Romijn has lined up a pretty cool new role, playing the lead sorceress in ABC's *Eastwick* pilot. It is based on the John Updike novel and the 1987 film *The Witches of Eastwick*. TVGUIDE.COM



Roberts, above, with Queen's Freddie Mercury during his days at MuchMusic and, left, in his current role as host of CNN's *American Morning*.

CNN's John Roberts honoured

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From the fury of hurricane Katrina to the chaos of Iraq to the pulse-pounding energy of Live Aid — John Roberts has seen it all.

The co-anchor of CNN's *American Morning* and

Toronto native will be lauded for his work today at Canadian Music Week.

The veteran broadcaster of 34 years will be inducted into the Broadcast Industry Hall of Fame during the Canadian Music Industry Awards Gala. Roberts looks back fondly on his compar-

atively peaceful home and native land. "I miss my family and Canada's wide open spaces," says Roberts.

"I suffered a bit of culture shock when I first started working in the U.S. It gets said down here that Canadians are a kind of decaffeinated American.

Things can move much faster, especially in New York where I am."

Canadians may recognize Roberts, 52, from his days as host of *Canada AM* from 1990 to 1992 and as a co-host of *MuchMusic's The New Music* from 1979 to 1985.

HBO apologizes to Mormons

TELEVISION HBO, the network behind polygamy drama *Big Love* has apologized for any offense to Mormons in a depiction of a sacred ritual but made clear it would air the controversial episode as planned.

The HBO network's program about a non-Mormon polygamous family has stirred up a hornet's nest of complaints over an episode to be broadcast Sunday showing its version of an endowment ceremony within a Mormon temple. It is thought to be the first time the ritual, in which participants move to a higher level of understanding of their religion, will be shown on TV.

MTV focuses on scripted comedy

TELEVISION MTV's next target: scripted comedy. The network is developing an unprecedented number of scripted projects, including an animated series and five pilots.

"We're going to apply the same tenets of creativity and genre-busting to scripted comedy that *Laguna Beach* used to make over the documentary," MTV head of programming Tony DiSanto said.

"It makes sense as a progression for us when a lot of our shows like *Run's House* and *The Hills* look scripted to start going forward with actual scripted shows."

CBC set to pick up comedy 18 to Life

TELEVISION The CBC will pick up single-camera comedy *18 to Life* even with pilot partner ABC out of the picture. The Montreal-set sitcom, from indie producer Galafilm, portrays 18-year-old neighbors, played by Stacey Farber and Michael Seater, who get married on a dare only to face criticism from their parents and friends.

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Hulk Hogan's lawyers have asked a judge to grant the former wrestler access to \$300,000 of his assets that were frozen while his pending divorce is resolved. Hogan claims surgery he had last month will keep him from working for a time. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Something leaking in Kelly's shower

HABITS Kelly Clarkson pees in the shower, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer always urinates while she is washing, and insists it is not a dirty habit. Asked if she had ever been tempted to urinate while washing, she said: "Anybody who says they don't is lying." Clarkson's unusual shower routine is not the only dirty habit she admits to. The 26-year-old star



always checks tissues after she has sneezed into them, because she is curious to see what is coming out of her nose. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Halliwell calls off wedding: Source

ENGAGEMENT Mere months after announcing her engagement to shipping tycoon Fabrizio Politi, Geri Halliwell is calling the whole thing off, according to the Sun. According to a source, the former Spice Girl "woke up one morning last week and decided she just wasn't the marrying type." Politi and Halliwell met in December, and he proposed one week later. "Fabrizio is upset but totally respects Geri's wishes," the source says. "Her friends are not surprised."

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Amy willing to give it all up for 'Blakey'

RELATIONSHIP Amy Winehouse is ready to quit music to reunite with husband Blake Fielder-Civil, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer is prepared to do whatever it takes to win back ex-convict Blake — who started divorce proceedings while in prison after seeing Amy romantically linked to other men while holidaying in the Caribbean — and would even walk away from her successful singing career.

Writing on her page on social networking website Facebook, she wrote: "Amy would chuck it all in for 'im indoors."

She swiftly followed it with another message, say-

ing: "Nothing is worth as much as Blake."

Friends of the troubled 26-year-old star replied urging her to move on from Blake, who recently moved his 17-year-old rumoured girlfriend

Francesca Morralee in to his London home.

One wrote: "He ain't worth it."

In a heart-rending final note, Amy said: "Where's my oblivious Blakey boy?"

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Brand's busy schedule in way of pirate role

FILM Russell Brand is "too busy" to appear in Pirates of the Caribbean 4, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The British comedian was rumoured to be in negotiations to appear in the swashbuckling movie sequel as a brother of Johnny Depp's character, Captain Jack Sparrow, but fears he may miss out as his schedule is so packed.

Brand told Access Hollywood: "There's been some talk of doing a Pirates movie. But, I've got eight other things to do including Get Him To The Greek

with Judd Apatow. So I don't know if there'll be time to be a pirate, I've got enough of that in my private life. I think it's a possibility but I am rather busy."

It had previously been claimed that the Forgetting Sarah Marshall star had been offered more than \$9 million to portray Jonathan in the latest instalment of the Disney franchise.

A source said: "There couldn't be a role more perfectly suited. There's a lot of Jack Sparrow in his mannerisms and behaviour."

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Miller dishes on girl fight in film

ACTION Sienna Miller has a "really good girl fight" in G.I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Edge of Love star says she relished the chance to grapple with her co-star Rachel Nicols for her favourite scene in the action movie, despite both actresses sustaining injuries as they prepared for the physical challenge. She said: "There's a really, really good girl fight between Rachel Nichols and myself. It's like a proper, violent girl-fight scene. ...We both got hurt. I'm clumsy, so I slipped on a rubber bullet at one point and sprained my wrist quite badly."

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Diddy stands by 'friendly' gesture

FRIENDS Sean (Diddy) Combs says he was only being "a friend" when he invited Chris Brown and Rihanna to stay at his Miami home nearly three weeks after the 19-year-old singer allegedly battered his girlfriend, 21, usamagazine.com reports.

"I don't cast a judgment on anybody," Combs said on Tuesday's Ellen DeGeneres Show. "It's a dark time for them, and I'm there for support."

DeGeneres told him she didn't want any girl out there thinking it's OK to go back to a guy who abused her.

"I don't think it's right for anybody to hit anybody," Combs replied. "We

know sometimes relationships get ugly ... we don't know exactly what's going on (with them)."

Added their pal, "We need to pray for them, and we need to do things to support them."

Oprah Winfrey has also reached out to the couple. She is dedicating her live talk show today to "all the Rihannas of the world."

Brown, who has been charged with two felonies and remains free on \$50,000 bail, is to be arraigned April 6. If convicted, he faces

anywhere from probation to four years and eight months in state prison.

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Lohan drama at club?

INCIDENT Lindsay Lohan was abandoned by girlfriend Samantha Ronson in Las Vegas, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

The actress had planned to surprise her DJ lover with a romantic night in a hotel after she finished her set at Prive nightclub but was enraged when Ronson left the club without her.

She reportedly screamed: "I can't believe that f—king b—h left me!"

After driving from their home in Los Angeles earlier that evening, Ronson had planned to go to the club alone and was

believed to be furious when Lindsay showed up at 1 a.m.

A source said: "The two started to argue and hide in the DJ booth. While she was in the booth, Lindsay ducked down, popped up a few seconds later, and began dancing wildly."

Following her set, 31-year-old Ronson left the club at 3 a.m. and got into her Porsche. She drove alone as 22-year-old Lohan looked on from the roadside.

Evidently outraged, Lohan jumped into her black Mercedes and sped off in the direction of her girlfriend's vehicle.

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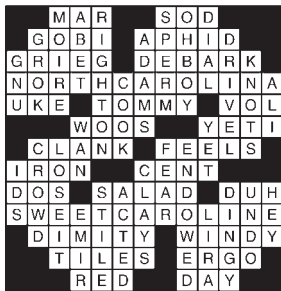
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36 Language of Iran
37 Exactly right
40 The Music Man locale
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Marsala Chicken with Fennel

INGREDIENTS:
1 chicken, about 3 lbs (1.35 kg), cut into pieces
2 tbsp (25 ml) all-purpose flour
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 large leek, chopped
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped parsley
1 tsp (5 ml) fennel seeds
6 tablespoons (90 ml) Marsala wine
2 cups (500 ml) chicken stock
2 medium fennel bulbs, trimmed and cut into chunks
2 cups (500 ml) shelled fresh or frozen peas
Fresh juice of 1 lemon
1 large egg, lightly beaten
Salt and black pepper
Chopped parsley
Lemon zest shreds

METHOD:
1. Remove skin from chicken pieces. Season flour with salt and pepper to taste. Dust flour over chicken.
2. Heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add leek, parsley, and fennel seeds and sauté 5 minutes until leek is soft, stirring frequently. Remove from pan; set aside.
3. Heat remaining 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil in frying pan. Add chicken and sauté until just golden, 6 to 7 min-

utes. Remove chicken and set aside. Pour in Marsala and boil until reduced to about 2 tbsp (25 ml) of glaze. Pour in stock, and return leek mixture and dark meat chicken pieces and wings to the pan. Add fennel. Cover and simmer over low heat 10 to 15 minutes. Add chicken breasts and simmer, covered, 15 minutes or until all chicken pieces are tender and juices run clear when thickest part is pierced. Add peas for last 5 minutes of cooking.
4. Transfer chicken pieces and vegetables to serving bowl; keep warm.
5. In small bowl, mix lemon juice into egg. Slowly add 4 tbsp (60 mL) hot cooking liquid to lemon and egg mixture, stirring. Slowly stir back into liquid in frying pan. Return chicken and vegetables to pan and warm through, on very low heat so sauce does not curdle. Season to taste and garnish with parsley and shreds of lemon zest.

SERVES 4

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Preferring one person over another leads to tears. You’ll hear about scandalous behaviour. You’ll get practical help.



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APRIL 21-MAY 21
A villain’s laughter is unsuitable. You’ll see that someone is very wrong. A split decision causes an upset.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You can’t change an offender’s ways. A compromise has you grasping for faster results. Focus on a clever person’s information.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Someone isn’t being clear about self-indulgent lies. Stop reproaching yourself for a bad experience. It’s impossible to refuse an admired friend.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The cost of an agreement is too high. A dreadful drama is created by human nature. Take care with a troublemaker.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A wrongdoer reaches the breaking point. A reckless guy takes a playmate away. Speak gallantly in a pointless debate.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Don’t talk about any secret sorrows. Your respect for a bad-mannered person is startling. Friends will fail to make contact.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don’t get caught having second thoughts. Benevolence will inspire agreement. Heed the warnings of a common theory.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone can read your mind. A mystical event won’t be acceptable. A complainer forces you to make a decision.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A call can make a difference. Make the first move with a shy person. Relax by avoiding a hopeless problem.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A flippant female insists on going her own way. An uncertain person will cause conflict. Don’t expect a problem to come out in the open.



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